

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend paragraph 2 on page 36 to read as follows:

A method and system is disclosed for adaptively refreshing a data using system. The data using system includes a data source and a data using device for utilizing data from the data source. The data using device has an initial refresh interval. A communication link is provided between the data source and the data using device. A criteria monitor is provided for monitoring at least one criteria related to the refresh interval. A processor is provided for generating an updated data refresh interval based at least in part on the monitored criteria. The updated data refresh interval is transferred to the data using device. The data using device is also updated based on the data refresh interval.

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The following examples of the uses of illustrative devices will illustrate [the] operation of the present invention. For example, contact sensor 40 of FIG. 1 may be associated with the front door (not shown) of a remote location associated with second node 20. Contact sensor 40 may be configured to trip whenever the front door is opened. Camera 34 is also positioned to view the front door location and may be programmed to take a digital picture whenever the sensor contact 40 is tripped. This picture may be transmitted over communications network 16 and stored in database server 48. When contact sensor 40